

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
September 28, 2023

The Town of Marshfield has a Budget Committee consisting of 5 members. They will review all requests that are received prior to December 12th. Please use the attached form. It is helpful if you also include your most recent annual report.

Please note that in the past, organizations submitted requests, or believe they submitted them, but the requests were not received. **To make sure this doesn't happen again, I will post requests on the town's website. It will be your responsibility to check the website to verify that your request has been received.**

We require electronic submission. Please convert and merge all of your documents into a single pdf to facilitate posting; at this time of year I do not have time to print and scan or convert and merge dozens of requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Budget Committee meets once each year, on the third Tuesday in December. Check the Town's website for meeting information: <http://marshfieldvt.gov>

I will post the results of their meeting on the Town's website.

If the Budget Committee approves your request, it will be placed on the warning. If they don't approve it, or they approve less than you requested, you have the right to petition. You would need approximately 60 signatures, depending on the timing of your petition and the number of voters on the checklist on that date. The deadline for submitting a petition is 47 days before Town Meeting; this deadline is set in statute. In 2024 the deadline to receive petitions is January 15th.

If the voters approve the article, you will receive a check from the Town during the month of September.

Name of organization: People's Health & Wellness Clinic

Mailing Address: PO Box 544, Barre, VT 05641

Physical Address: 51 Church Street, Barre, VT 05641

Telephone number: (802) 479-1229

Brief Description: The Selectboard will include a one-line description in the warning for town meeting. How would you like your services to be described in the warning (no more than 10 words):

Article: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 to People's Health & Wellness Clinic for healthcare services for uninsured residents.

The Town will also include a description of your services in the Town report.

What type of services do you provide? (no more than 100 words)

For nearly 30 years, PHWC has offered free primary and dental care to residents of Central Vermont who do not have health insurance or cannot afford to see a doctor. We are a 501c3 charity and operated by a team of volunteer medical professionals.

How do your services directly impact the citizens of Marshfield?

The impact of free healthcare services on a town can be profound and wide-ranging, positively influencing various aspects of community well-being. Free healthcare services contribute to better overall health within the community by addressing preventive care, early detection of illnesses, and timely treatment. Access to free healthcare facilitates early detection and containment of infectious diseases, helping to prevent the rapid spread of illnesses within the town. A healthier population is generally more productive. When individuals receive necessary medical attention, they are more likely to remain active in the workforce, contributing to the town's economic productivity. Free healthcare services can help address disparities in healthcare access, ensuring that all residents, regardless of financial status, have the opportunity to receive necessary medical attention.

How many Marshfield residents were served in the past year? 8

How much are you requesting? \$500

How do you calculate or justify the amount of money that you are requesting from us?

The amount is based on the traditional amount of patients we see from Marshfield calculated with the additional costs of operating our healthcare facility.

Last year's appropriation request: \$500

Last year's grant from the Town: \$400

Explanation of any increase in this year's request (if applicable): This would bring the allocation closer in line to the actual costs of providing care to Marshfield residents.

People's Health & Wellness Clinic

Organization Total Budget for 2023: \$420,000

Website Address: www.PHWCVT.org

Telephone Number for Services: (802) 479-1229

Physical Address: 51 Church Street, Barre, VT 05641

Written Report/Job Title by: Daniel Barlow, Executive Director

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) provides free healthcare to uninsured and underinsured people in Central Vermont. Services include high quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services which are provided at no cost to patients. PHWC also continues to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

The Clinic's oral healthcare program continues to grow in popularity and demand, due partly to a lack of dental insurance or available area dentists. Nearly half of the patients in 2022 saw our dental hygienist for cleanings, x-rays, maintenance, and referrals for more complicated procedures, including extractions and root canals.

In 2023, PHWC cared for 551 unduplicated patients, 214 of whom were new to the clinic. Patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 580 medical visits, 281 dental visits, 74 mental health visits. 135 patients received assistance in enrolling in Medicaid, another health insurance plan, and financial assistance programs. Patients came from 62 cities and towns in the region.

As a federally deemed free clinic, PHWC cannot charge for services and depends on grants, donations, and municipal funding. Our annual budget is approximately \$420,000. We are grateful to the voters for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the Central Vermont community.

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